

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school athletic programs that truly embody the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and perseverance throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, Scott County Central High School sponsors a boys basketball program whose 2007-2008 team earned an impressive 29-3 overall season record and took Third Place in Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 1 state competition on March 14, 2008; and

Whereas, the Scott County Central Braves boys basketball team earned a Third Place trophy by besting Fair Play by a score of 83-58; and

Whereas, on its way to the fourteenth Final Four berth in the school's history, the Scott County Central Braves took the District Championship by defeating North Pemiscot, Oran, and Gideon; earned a victory in Sectionals against Bell City; and won over Chadwick in the Quarterfinals matchup; and

Whereas, the 2007-2008 Braves boys basketball team was made up of Jarron Banks, Rashaad Brown, Jac'quan Cowley, Mark Freed, D.D. Gillespie, Bobby Hatchett, Caleb Johnson, Stewart Johnson, Robert Jones, Otto Porter, Drew Thomas, Alan Timmons, Randy Timmons, Rhyne McCoy, and Desmin Williams; and

Whereas, Braves named to the All-State team included D.D. Gillespie, Caleb Johnson, and Drew Thomas; and

Whereas, head coach Ronnie Cookson has guided Scott County Central Braves boys basketball teams for twenty-seven years, during which time the school made all fourteen of its Final Four appearances; and

Whereas, assistant coach Lennies McFerren, Jr., and manager Cody Mitchell ably helped head coach Ronnie Cookson and all of the players during their steady climb up to their Third Place finish:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Scott County Central Braves boys basketball program and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations to all of those involved in the 2007-2008 team's Third Place finish in state competition; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Scott County Central High School boys basketball program.

Offered by _____
Representative Ellen Brandom
District No. 160

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker